

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2005. Claims 1, 16, and 31 have been amended for clarity. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Claims 35 to 40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith to cover the cost of the Terminal Disclaimer. Please charge deposit account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or to credit any overpayment.

The Office Action objected to Claims 1, 16, 31, 35 and 38 because of informalities. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 16, and 31 to correct the informalities objected to in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1 to 40 under the non-statutory judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 69 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/241,255. The Office Action indicated that Claims 1 to 34 would be allowable if a terminal disclaimer were filed to overcome the double patenting rejection (See Office Action, page 5). Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome.


The Office Action rejected Claims 35 to 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,491,584 to Graham et al. ("Graham") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,290,600 to Glasson ("Glasson"). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections. Nonetheless, in order to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants have canceled Claims 35 to 40. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute canceled Claims 35 to 40 in one or more divisional or continuation applications. Applicants' cancellation of such Claims shall not constitute any prejudice or disclaimer with respect to the patentability of such Claims.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to discuss this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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